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When we deliberate about beginning, it is already too late to begin.
—Quintilian.

According to the reports in mainland papers, Negoro is well understood among his acquaintances in that section of the country.

The citizens of the Territory of Hawaii extend a most cordial greeting to Admiral Ighih and his officers. It is to be the suggestion of unpleasant incident during their stay it will not be from our word of the citizens whose honest and welcome guests they are.

The expense of the "Union" of certain Japanese on Hawaii to discuss the wage question is very interesting. It shows that the agitator-thing out of the big island is enlisted from among the men who live off the earnings of the laborers and not from among the laborers themselves. It is hard to understand why any of the intelligent and progressive Japanese can hesitate to repudiate this sort of thing from the very outset. They should put an end to this campaign that has done nothing but cast discredit on the whole Japanese colony which is not deserved. The impression abroad is bad, and the effect in Hawaii is bad. And this will continue until the conservative and level-headed Japanese among the professional, business and workmen take active steps to make their influence felt against agitation by the hangers-on and for a definite recognition of the fact that there must be work before wages is a proper subject for discussion.

THE KAPAA STATUS.

The Governor of the Territory has started negotiations for a new deal in the Kapaia land matter which means the prospective disposal in some manner of much of the Territory's most valuable public land.

The letter or letters the Governor has written on this matter he refuses to give to the public.

He says he will tell the public what has been done, but he will not give out the letter for publication.

The documents in the case are in the possession of L. A. Thurston, next friend of the Governor of the Territory, and now the attorney for the private corporation with which the Governor is negotiating.

Isn't that a beautiful frame-up for the successful administration of the public lands of the Territory of Hawaii?

THE PINEAPPLE TARIFF.

The tariff on fresh pineapples as passed by the Senate is more favorable to the American pineapple grower than appears on the face of the figures.

The Dingley tariff now in force imposes a duty of \$7 per thousand pineapples in bulk and seven cents a cubic foot when shipped in boxes or crates.

The Senate has adopted this fresh fruit item, identical as it passed the House in the Payne bill, thereby imposing a straight duty of \$8 per M pineapples in barrels or other packages or in bulk. This eliminates the cubic-foot rate under which the Cubans were able to get their pineapples into the country at a figure which practically amounted to an average tariff rate of four dollars a thousand. The Cuban pineapples being smaller, the producers could get in a larger number under cubic foot measurement than was possible under the shipment in bulk.

The American fresh pine is now doubly protected. It has an advantage over the smaller pineapple of Cuba shipped in quantity, and also as the Hawaiian pine is much heavier than any of the foreign products that come into the market, there is a distinct gain for the local quality.

The results in the Senate are by no means as favorable for the American canned pineapple, but there is still the opportunity of making a contest before the Conference Committee and possibly securing the

figures of the Payne bill when the measure is put on its final passage. Hawaii's position will not be fully satisfactory for this new industry until the canners secure the same measure of protection from the Singapore plant that is given the growers from the fresh pine of Cuba.

BILLIONS WELL SPENT.

The publicity department of the National Irrigation Congress has issued an outline of one of the main projects to be presented before that assembly when it meets at Spokane the early part of August, proposing to spend billions for national improvement.

The scheme is one of bonding for reclamation and improvement, and is of particularly local value because it may point a way for this Territory to carry forward some very much needed work in this line, or possibly, by aiding in the acceptance of this plan, come in for a share of the National fund it is hoped to create.

Special attention of Bulletin readers is called to what the writer for the Irrigation Congress says of the value of good roads. If the citizens of this Territory sometimes feel they are spending too much on roads they have only to take notice of the losses involved in a lack of good roads.

The general improvement scheme of the Irrigation Congress officers is set forth in a resolution that will be introduced by Secretary Arthur Hooker, memorializing Congress to issue 2 per cent gold bonds running 100 years to the amount of \$5,000,000,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary for the following specific purposes:

One billion dollars for drainage of overgrown and swamp lands, thus reclaiming an area equal to 100,000 square miles.

One billion dollars for the reclamation by irrigation of 40,000,000 acres of arid and semi-arid lands, now partly or wholly waste.

One billion dollars to construct and improve deep waterways, to develop thousands of miles of territory now without adequate transportation facilities.

One billion dollars for good roads and national highways, for the lack of which the loss to the farm area of the United States is approximately \$500,000,000 annually.

One billion dollars for forest protection, reforestation and conservation of the forest resources, thus insuring timber and lumber supplies for centuries to come.

"Five billions of dollars is an enormous sum, but it is no more than is actually required to carry out the gigantic scheme in developing millions of acres of lands in various parts of the United States now absolutely worthless," says Mr. Hooker in explaining the plan. "Congress will not be asked to appropriate a penny. The returns from the improvements would pay off the bonds. The government would simply act as a banker, as it does now for the various irrigation projects. The land issue would provide ample funds as required to carry out the work in the several divisions, at the same time giving the best possible collateral to those investing in these securities."

"Government figures bear out the statement that there is enough good land overflowed in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Kansas, Nebraska, Louisiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi to make an area as large as the state of Missouri, or more than 44,000,000 acres, while in the eastern, central and western states there is more than as much more, or about 100,000,000 acres in all. At a conservative estimate of \$25 an acre, the sale of this reclaimed land would justify the expenditure of \$2,500,000,000, or 150 per cent more than is required to drain it. This land would support from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 population.

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"The construction and improvement of the deep waterways required to provide better and cheaper transportation facilities is, I believe,



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a 100 per cent investment, from the fact that two-thirds of the bulky freight could be shipped by water routes, at a cost to the shipper of not more than one-sixth of the present rail rates. The importance of this becomes apparent when it is remembered that the food question is becoming a world problem.

"The state of New York is expending \$101,000,000 to enlarge the Erie canal, and \$100,000,000 is the amount required to improve the Missouri river from a point about 10 miles west of Yellowstone Park to where it meets the Mississippi river, 2,547 miles. Then there is the projected waterway from Lake Michigan to the Gulf of Mexico and scores of others necessary to cheapen and better transportation facilities. Millions of dollars will be saved annually to the people of the United States by the completion of these works.

"The maintenance of the greatest waterway in the world, composed of the Great Lakes, on which the government of the United States has expended more than \$90,000,000 for harbors and connecting channels, presents an argument in favor of the scheme to develop thousands of miles of territory in the Missouri and other valleys. The other projects outlined in the foregoing are of equal if not greater importance, and with proper backing they can be carried out successfully.

"No one questions the statement that good roads have a high money value to the farmers of the nation, and it may be said that this alone is sufficient to justify the cost of their construction as rapidly as practicable under an efficient, economical and equitable system of highway improvement. The big points in favor of this expenditure is the economy of time and force in transportation between farm and market, enabling the growers to take advantage of fluctuations in buying and selling.

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as well as enhancing the value of real estate.

It is estimated that the annual loss from poor roads is 76 cents an acre, while the estimated average increase resulting from improving all the public roads is \$9. The losses in five years would aggregate \$2,432 for every section of land, or more than enough to improve two miles of public highway. The necessity of good roads is obvious, as it would enhance the value of each section of land about \$5,760, or more than double the estimated cost of two miles of improved highway, which constitutes the quota for 640 acres of land.

HARD TO GET JURY.

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for May & Company, a Rapid Transit conductor, and was now completing his sixth year in the National Guard of Hawaii. He was passed temporarily.

Mr. Kinney said the prosecution would waive its first peremptory challenge and Lightfoot said on behalf of Negoro, a peremptory challenge would be exercised against Mr. Barry, so that Judge De Bolt excused him from jury service.

John Trask, a part-Hawaiian, was the subject of exhaustive examination by Lightfoot, after he had been passed for cause by the prosecution.

Trask is a clerk for L. B. Kerr & Company, and was educated at Kamehameha College.

"Did you know, Mr. Trask," asked Lightfoot, "that the college where you were educated is partially supported by a plantation?"

"I do not."

"If you did know that such was the case, would you be able to give these Japanese a square deal?"

"I could."

"Have you ever made the expression that you would like to 'suck the Japs'?"

"No, sir, I never did."

"Are you a creditor or debtor with any of the lawyers of the prosecution, or with any of the plantation managers?"

"I am not."

"Have you any feeling at heart against the Japanese?"

"None whatever."

Trask was passed for cause.

Albert C. Silva, manager of the Togo, caused a stir when called to the jury box.

"Have you formed an opinion in this case?" asked Mr. Kinney.

"I have—a decided opinion," replied Silva promptly.

"Do you know any of these defendants?"

"Yes, Makino and Soga. They buy things in the store."

"Just business acquaintance?"

"Yes, but I have expressed my opinion too many times and I am afraid I could not do justice to either side."

Mr. Lightfoot then took the juror.

"But could you not, if sworn in as a juror, give this case a fair trial?"

"I doubt it. As I said before, I have a decided opinion—and besides I am a stockholder in a plantation."

"If you had told us that before, I would have excused you," said Judge De Bolt and Silva was discharged.

The examination continued in this manner throughout the morning, with the exception of an interruption by Lightfoot, who wanted the matter of preemptory challenges fixed so that his five clients would not be robbed of any. Mr. Prosser quoted the law that the challenges should alternate, and the prosecution have the last one.

It was finally agreed that after the defense had exhausted their last five the prosecution should exercise their final one.

Railroad Concessions Granted.—Douglas, Ariz., June 14.—The Mexican government has granted concessions to the Cananea Consolidated copper company, operating at Cananea, State of Sonora, for a railroad to a point on the Mexican Central railroad in the State of Chihuahua.



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NORMAL SCHOOL CLOSES ITS YEAR

The closing exercises for the year at the Normal School were held this morning between 10:30 and 12, the school taking geography as its subject for exhibition of the methods of teaching used in the school. A different subject is chosen each year.

The normal school is laying special stress upon its manual training department, and some of the exhibits presented by the boys of the wood-work class rival the work of the best artisans.

The teaching exercises were as follows: Volcanoes, grade 4; Trans-Continental Railroad Trips (U. S.), grade 5; The Mexican People, grade 6; The City of Canton, grade 8; Hawaiian Industries as Related to the World Industries, teacher Vaughan McLaughlin; Dirt and Dust (nature study), Sophomores; Folk Tales and Legends, Junior class.

Exhibits of the work of the pupils were arranged as follows:

Primary Grades, lower half—Lesson plans, illustrative material etc.

Grammar Grades, upper half—Material used in lessons of the day.

Industrial Work—Good work, cooking, sewing, lace work, printing, Nature study.

The following were granted diplomas and certificates:

Diplomas—Lila Louis Vogel, Joseph de Silva Vierra, Sybil Arlette Melnorny, Phoebe Clara Han, Clarita L. Sturges, Katherine Stanley, Maude Dagmar Lightfoot, Florence Howie Crozier, Edmon Catherine McCarthy, William Hildebert Melnorne, William Gabriel Agnes, Gladys Abas Hania, Etheldreda Kuthrie Piliwale, Lulu Jackson Law, Rachel Tschelona Klakona, Samuel K. Toomey.

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A damsel named Keala, who resides in the Magoon block, had to dig up four plunks this morning at the Police Court. It appears that Miss K. has a voice that would put to shame a Sydney "bottle ho" man, and she is alleged to have made sleep impossible anywhere within a half mile of her dwelling last night. Keala said she was only singing, but the arresting officer knows a song when he hears one.

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SUICIDE

The mysterious disappearance of Margaret Stevenson, stewardess of the China, on the second night out, has led the officers of the ship to hint of suicide. It is supposed she intentionally jumped overboard either from the deck or through the hatch in her cabin, but not the slightest clue has been found that would give a hint as to her reasons for committing the act.

Officers on board talk of a letter, but the presence of one is denied by the captain. She was missed from her duties on June 19 and search of the ship failed to find her. It is very possible that her death was due to an accident.

NEW STENOGRAPHER FOR CLERKS OFFICE

A clerical change will be made in the Clerk's office of the United States District Court on July 1.

Miss Coleman, the stenographer, has resigned, to take effect on the last of this month, and Mr. Murphy has selected a man for the position, but will not give out his name for the present. The position is a good one, and Mr. Murphy has been besieged with applications, but, owing to the strict examination, few qualified.

The coming marriage of Miss Coleman to Mr. Simpson is the cause of her leaving the clerk's office, where she is held in high esteem.

EXPECT CONFESSION

That the probabilities are very strong that one of the three men who are at present in custody on suspicion of being implicated in the murder of Henry Wetherill will confess to the crime is the opinion of the Deputy Sheriff and his staff.

One of the men is weakening already, and has made one or two admissions that fit in with the theory of the police department. It is thought that the man cannot stand the strain of his thoughts much longer and that he will confess to everything in the near future.

Sam Chan and Ah Tai, who were mixed up in a scrap, were both run in and charged with affray this morning. Ah Tai managed to prove that he only acted in self defense and was allowed to go. Sam, however, had to contribute six bucks to the revenue.